

Sisters' Department.**S. S. C. E. NOTES.**

DEAR SISTERS:—I have no doubt you, as well as I, have been gratified with the many good articles from our sisters in the past few weeks. We find that our sisters are working in a quiet way and that much good is accomplished. Surely we ought to take courage and press onward.

The time for our National Conference is fast approaching and it behooves us to be getting ready for it. Most likely there will be district conferences before that time and it would be well for each society to be represented there and at that time select the member of the executive committee. This member should be instructed on any matter which the conference thinks should be acted upon by the national society. And, too, since the national president is to be selected by the executive committee it might be well for the district conference to give advice as to who should be chosen for that office. I wish to inform you that I am not a candidate for the office and for good and sufficient reasons I shall decline serving in that office longer than the expiration of the present year. There are many others more competent for the work and I very much prefer to take my place under the direction of some one else. I very clearly see that a change will be advantageous in many ways.

Sincerely Yours,

ETTA R. HARRISON.

Pres. S. S. C. E.

Ashland, Ohio.

FIRST REPORT OF WARSAW S. S. C. E.

WARSAW, IND., Mch. 23rd, 1894.

MRS ETTA HARRISON:—DEAR SISTER.

Wishing you to hear from the Sisters at Warsaw, that they are alive and working we make the following report. The aid of the church here was first organized as a local society in September 1892. The reason we were local was that we needed all our resources in furnishing our church which was then building. By dedication day, Dec. 11, 1892, we had earned and paid to the building committee \$104.00, on

that day we pledged \$100.00, more, which has all been paid but \$10.00.

This being an unusually hard winter on the poor and wishing to alleviate their suffering we began work for them by soliciting and making over old clothing for them and giving them help in every way possible. This work being finished we reorganized under the national constitution Jan. 12, '94 with twelve members. We will answer the questions asked in the EVANGELIST of Feb. 28th. 1st. Our meetings are not literary; we open our meeting with scriptural reading and prayer. The rest of the time is spent in business affairs; conducted according to parliamentary usages. 2nd. Our society has twelve members enrolled. 3rd We gave one supper which netted us \$15.69; from the sale of Bro. McFadden's book, \$8.00; from dues \$6.05; Total amount of money earned in the past six months \$29.74. Help given to fourteen needy families, visits to the sick, no account kept. 4th. We could execute a literary program but do not want to, thinking it a waste of time which we need for other purposes. 5th. We could prepare one program. 6th. We think we should introduce mite boxes in our work. 7th. We do not favor a badge, for the reason that the aggregate cost all over the sister-hood could be used to a better purpose. 8th. We have remitted our membership fee to the Treasurer. Would it not be a good idea to have the names of the officers of the national society at the top of the first column of the Sister's Department, so we would know who they were. Hoping the report not too long, I remain your sister in Christ.

EMILY BAKER.

Sec. of Warsaw S. S. C. E.

AN EVANGELIST SOCIAL.

DEAR EVANGELIST READERS:—I wish to report from the Warsaw church something new. We called it an EVANGELIST social. We served ice cream and cake at 10 cents per dish and after supper we had a spelling match. The person who spelled down the class was to receive the EVANGELIST the rest of the year as a prize. The paper was won by Henry Baker but as we already have the paper it will be sent

else where. The object of this social was to earn money enough to place the EVANGELIST in the homes of some of our members who at present are unable to take the paper. The financial result was \$5.15 net. The young people of the church were the main workers led by sisters Etta Kreider and Maude Hodge. To these energetic and helpful young people the credit and success of the evening is due.

MAE C. BAKER.

AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER.

DEAR SISTER HARRISON:—From your letter in last Evangelist I infer that you feel somewhat discouraged about the S. S. C. E. True there does seem to be indifference but I believe there is more interest in it than we think. A few weeks ago I received a card asking me to call on a lady, Julia Martin, in South Bend. I went and found her, a sister, from Linkville of this state, learning dressmaking. She wanted me to call on her to have a talk on the C. E. She had tried to have a society in Linkville but was not very successful and wanted instruction and advice. She is young but seemed earnest and enthusiastic. I am very much in favor of mite boxes. Last year we had one here in Brother Augustine's family. and we sent its contents to the State Mission Band—a little over six dollars. It was a thank-offering box, and a warm bright fire on cold nights, a comfortable home to shelter us on stormy days and nights, an easy chair to rest in when very tired, pleasant associations, dear ones spared to us, all were occasions or causes for thanksgiving. And now I'll answer the questions, as well as I can, in the paper. I don't know just how many members we have now in our society, as I do not have the list. We have added perhaps a dozen new members since October. We have our meetings once a month in the church, and ours are literary and devotional. We have scripture reading, responsive reading, prayer, one or two recitations, sometimes a dialogue, two or three select readings, sometimes a talk and some good music, always roll-call with scripture response. One evening each member responded with a short scripture prayer. Generally at one meeting the program